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LETTER DATED 30 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to my letter dated 14 April 1993 (S/25601), in which I reiterated the position of my Government concerning the efficient protection of the international borders of the Republic of Croatia and expressed grave concerns regarding the plunder of the Croatian oil from the Djeletovci oilfield and therefore proposed that the said oilfield be permanently guarded by UNPROFOR personnel and that the installations remain idle until the conditions permit the return of the legitimate owners, I have to inform you that the situation on the ground has since deteriorated.

Not only does the extraction of oil and its shipment across the international borders of Croatia continue unabated in flagrant violation of all the relevant sanctions resolutions and in violation of resolution 769 (1992), but the insurgents have been allowed to construct a new oil storage tank on the Djeletovci oilfield in the place of one they had destroyed and set ablaze when they attacked and occupied the area.

Enclosed please find laser Xerox copies of four photographs that are marked as follows:

1. 29 September 1991: Telephoto shot showing the oil storage tank R-2, 5,000 m^3 burning after being set ablaze by the advancing forces of the "Yugoslav People's Army (JNA)";

2. 16 September 1992: Telephoto shot showing almost finished construction of a new oil storage tank in the place of the one that was previously destroyed;

3. 14 April 1993: Telephoto shot showing from a different angle the production on the oilfield (note the flame to the right that confirms that the production of oil is presently taking place);

4. 14 April 1993: Panoramic view of the production facility with the new oil storage tank clearly in view, and the production flame in sight.

Enclosed is also a self-explanatory map of the area, showing the oil and gas pipelines. Please note the existence of a production pipeline leading to the port of Opatovac (Vukovar). In the report submitted by the independent contractor - commissioned by the United Nations and logged under the symbol FOD/DAM/92/022/Amend.1 - it is suggested that there exists a direct link between this port and the refinery in Novi Sad (Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)).

My Government is very concerned that the constant warnings of these events - the information provided to the Security Council by the Republic of Croatia and the independent contractors commissioned by the United Nations, the information constantly provided by UNPROFOR on the ground and communicated to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia and to the Security Council itself by the Under-Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations - have all remained without any action of the Security Council whatsoever.

I would ask for your kind assistance in distributing this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council. The copies of this letter and the annex for all the members of the Security Council are enclosed.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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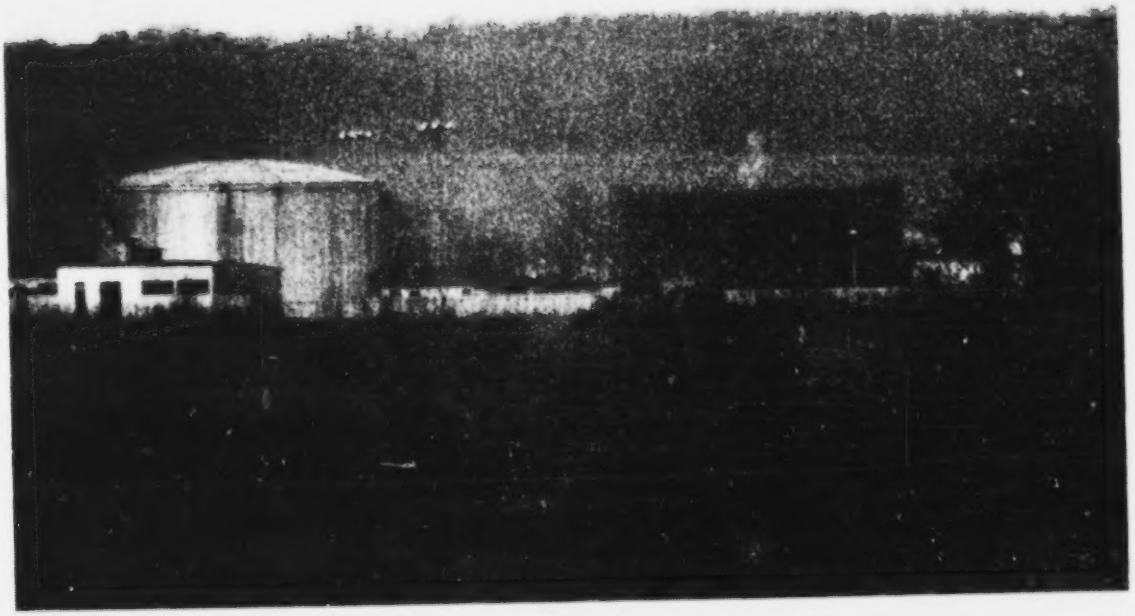

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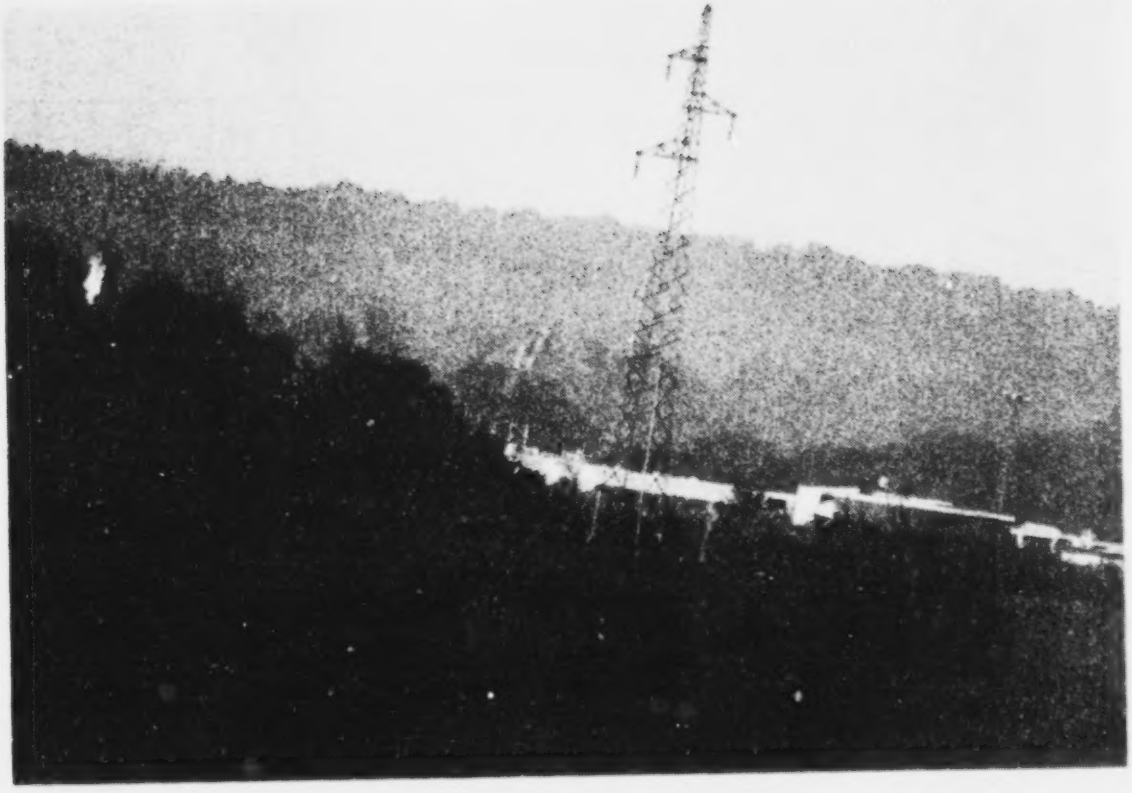

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